

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Knute Oskar Lee was born February 22, 1862, and moved to South Dakota in 1883 to claim a quarter of land south of Ipswich under the Homestead Act; and,

WHEREAS, By 1887, Knute moved to Aberdeen, married, and had begun operating a farm machinery sales company. By the late 1890s, machinery stores were being operated in Groton and Aberdeen; and,

WHEREAS, In 1915, Knute's son, Clifford Carl Lee, was taken in as a partner and, in 1921, the company of K. O. Lee and Son was incorporated; and,

WHEREAS, By the mid 1920s, Clifford was directing the company business, and the decision was made to stop selling farm machinery and emphasize repair work and manufacturing; and,

WHEREAS, In 1967, Clifford's son, Karl Lee, joined the company and took over the presidency in 1977 when Clifford retired; and,

WHEREAS, Today K. O. Lee Company has 127,000 square feet of manufacturing, warehouse and office space under one roof; and,

WHEREAS, K. O. Lee Company is one of only two companies in South Dakota that are members of the National Machine Tool Builders Association and brings recognition to the Aberdeen area as a place with a tradition of manufacturing excellent products; and,

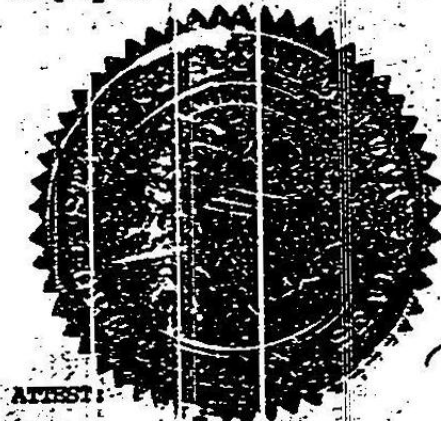
WHEREAS, K. O. Lee Company should be proud of its success in the Aberdeen community and South Dakota, in large measure attributable to the well trained employees who have exhibited initiative, creativity, dedication to their task, and a spirit of independence:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1988, as

K. O. LEE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join the Aberdeen community in congratulating the company on its first successful 100 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight



ATTEST:

George S. Mickelson
GOVERNOR

James H. Hazeltine
SECRETARY OF STATE

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR